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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph A. Zupanick et al.  
 Serial No. 10/003,917  
 Filing Date: November 1, 2001  
 Group Art Unit: 3673  
 Examiner: John J. Kreck  
 Title: *Method and System for Surface Production of Gas  
 from a Subterranean Zone*

**MAIL STOP: AF**  
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## Request for Extension of Time

Applicants hereby take an Extension of Time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 17, 2003 for one month from January 17, 2004 to February 17, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of a one-month extension of time. Although Applicants believe no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.


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